

PROPOSAL – Skagit Recreational Hunting Replacement Lands for Estuary Restoration 250 Acres

Conservation Values

- **Pacific flyway waterfowl migration**
- **Wetland and riparian habitat**
- **ESA listed Chinook and bull trout**

Recreational Values

- **Waterfowl hunting**
- **Wildlife viewing**

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Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Estimated Acres	250 Maximum
Existing Uses	Agriculture/grazing
Threats	Development
Intended Uses	This acquisition would be under the management of the Skagit Wildlife Area, with a partner group holding a farmland preservation easement. The intended use is to provide farmed waterfowl forage and hunting access.
Project Description	Provide additional walk-in recreational hunting and winter waterfowl forage area. Total acquisition acreage may be decreased or eliminated, depending on ability for WDFW to meet winter waterfowl forage and hunting access goals with other mechanisms; including leases, easements, changes in management of existing properties, etc. Acquire fee title to land already with a farmland preservation or wetland conservation easement in place, or partner with a local group to place land in a farmland preservation easement with WDFW holding fee title. Increase the likelihood of implementation of future estuary habitat restoration projects by using this acquisition as replacement lands for displaced recreational hunting and winter waterfowl forage areas. This proposal intends to increase collaboration among Department of Fish and Wildlife and partners/supporters, and will continue to be developed with local stakeholder groups, including the agriculture community.
Partners/Supporters	WDFW is developing this proposal with local stakeholder groups, including the agriculture community.



